

CRATE FOR 20-24 OZ. BOTTLES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0044] A low depth bottle crate has a peripheral wall of uniform height that includes a pair of side walls and a pair of end walls and a crate bottom connected to the peripheral wall. An upper surface of the crate bottom is formed to include a bottle supporting platform for each bottle to be received in the crate. There are a plurality of substantially U-shaped cut-outs in upper portions of the side and end walls that define columns between the cut-outs, lower portions of the peripheral wall and the columns being of single wall construction except for hollow caps at upper ends of the columns that are of double wall construction. The cut-outs terminate at a ledge that separates the upper portions of the side and end walls from the lower portions of the side and end walls. Each of the columns, except for four corner columns, has a support buttress extending downwardly and inwardly from a lower edge of a respective one of the hollow caps to the crate bottom. The lower portions of the side and end walls are connected to the crate bottom by a plurality of inwardly directed ribs arranged in groups, directly below each cut-out.